in Bihar in addition to the existing ones; and

(d) if answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) There are two LPG Bottling Plants in the State of Bihar, as follows:

Location	Existing Capacity (TMT per Annum)
Barauni	15
Jamshedpur	25

(b) After utilising the existing bottling capacity available in the State of Bihar, the balance packed demand is met from the LPG bottling plants located in the adjoining States.

(c) and (d) Presently there is no proposal to set up new bottling plants in Bihar. However, Oil Industry has planned to augment the bottling capacity of Jamshedpur bottling plant to 88 Thousand Metric Tonne per Annum during the 8th plan period.

Leagake in LPG cylinders

777. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many a time the LPG consumers in the capital are supplied leaking cylinders by the Indane distributors but the same are not replaced on the plea that gas has been flared;

(b) if so the number of complaints of leaking LPG cylinders received by various LPG distributors/Indian Oil Corporation during the last one year;

(c) what procedure a consumer has to follow for getting a replacement of a leaking cylinder from the distributor;

(d) whether Government are also aware that sometimes cylinders having water therein are supplied to the consumer by the LPG distributors; and

(e) if so, what are the rights of the LPG consumers in such cases and what action they may take in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However cylinders may develop leakage at a later stage. A total of 1403 suspected leakage complaints have been received during the year 1992-93 by IOC and its distributors in Delhi. All the cases were investigated and refills were supplied wherever cylinders were found leaking.

(c) to (e) As per the instructions, the deliveryman is expected to disconnect/connect and carry out pre-post delivery checks to ensure that the equipment including cylinder is in sound working condition. If the cylinder develops any defect/leakage, the customer is required to contract the distributor during the working hours, and Emergency Service cell after working hours/Sundays/Holidays. On receipt of such complaint, the distributor is expected to immediately depute a mechanic to inspect the cylinder and arrange for free replacement in case of defective leaking cylinder. LPG cylinder being filled with water at the bottling plants is ruled out since ther are various types of checks when cylinders are filled. The possibility of water getting into the cylinders is very rare. However a few complaints have been received in this regard. A customer can seek replacement of cylinder free of cost if it is established that the cylinder contains water.

Defaulting LPG dealers

778. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of LP gas dealers in the country particularly in Punjab State against whom various complaints were received during the period

from 1991 to 1993 indicating the nature of the complaints made by the consumers; and

(b) what action has so far been taken against them State-Wise and Union Territory-Wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

उत्तर प्रदेश में गैस एजेंसियां

779. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में चालू वर्ष के दौरान कितनी गैस एजेंसियां खोली गयी हैं और इनमें से कितनी एजेंसियां पिछड़े वर्गों, अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लोगों को आवंटित की गई हैं और ये कहां कहां सेवारत हैं; और

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश में मार्च, 1993 तक गैस एजेंसियां खोले जाने के लिए कितने आवेदन पत्र विचाराधीन थे और उनका क्षेत्रवार ब्यौरा क्या है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) अप्रैल से नवम्बर, 1993 के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में 172 एल०पी०जी० डिस्ट्रिब्यूटरशिप केन्द्र खोले गए हैं जिनमें से एटा, रेणकूट, रामपुर और लखनऊ में चार डिस्ट्रिब्यूटरशिप केवल अनुसूचित जाति के सदस्यों को आवंटित की गई है।

(ख) पिछली विपणन योजनाओं से लम्बित रिक्तियों के प्रति तेल चयन बोर्ड के माध्यम से एल०पी०जी० डिस्ट्रिब्यूटरों की नियुक्ति हेतु सभी तेल विपणन कम्पनियों द्वारा फिलहाल आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जा रहे हैं तथा उत्तर प्रदेश में 1992-94 की वर्तमान विपणन योजना के अन्तर्गत 71 प्रस्ताव है।

Proposals from private firms for LPG import and distribution

780 DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals received from private firms to enter in the sector of LPG gas after liberalisation for its import and distribution;

(b) at what stage of consideration these are now; and

(c) the names of such firms which are in the offing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Under the Parallel Marketing System, private agencies have been allowed to import LPG and sell it at market-determined prices through their own net-work. No proposal is required to be submitted to this Ministry for engaging in Parallel Marketing nor any permission or registration required to be issued by this Ministry. However, they are required to give intimation as per provisions of LPG (Regulation of Supply & Distribution) Order, 1993, to the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

मध्य प्रदेश में तेल शोधक कारखाना

781. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में ग्रास रूट आयल रिफाइनरी लगाने के संबंध में निर्णय ले लिया गया है;

(ख) क्या इसके लिए बनाई गई भारत सरकार के अधिकारियों को समन्वित उच्च स्तरीय समिति ने जून, 1992 में स्थलों का निरीक्षण कर लिया था;